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IMMUNOMODULATORY
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2006 (Paper No. 20060605), for which a response was due on September 16, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 16, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, along with the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **5** of this paper.